verify the adequacy of the structural designs. The tests planned include 1/5th scale model and full scale model. The tests on 1/5th scale models have been successfully completed. Tests on full scale models are under progress. These tests, upon completion, will provide confirmation for the adequacy of the design of the overall vehicle structure.

(c) and (d) PSLV is designed only to launch IRS-class (Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-class) satellites and not INSAT-D class satellites.

INSAT-1D is scheduled to be launched by a US Delta rocket in May 1989.

Popularising of Electronic Systems

1386. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked upon any programme for Popularising Electronic Systems in an extensive way;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what assistance Government are providing to trading community to adopt this technology and bring the country at par with other developed countries of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Use of electronic systems has been promoted by various policy and related measures like extensive adoption by Government itself of electronic systems in the field of communication, broadcasting and transport etc. Various fiscal and other measures have promoted the growth of electronics production and popularised the use of electronics goods especially in the consumer field.

(c) The various programmes of the Department of Electronics take into account the need for upgradation of technology in electronics industry, like (i) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), National Centre for Software Technology (NCST) etc. to do advanced research and development in computer hardware and software, (ii) a number of technology development projects under the umbumbrella of Technology Research Council, National Microelectronics Council, National Radar Council (NRC) etc. (iii) Microprocessor Application Engineering Programme (MAEP) to promote Microprocessor based systems engineering, (iv) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) to develop digital electronic switching systems to provide basic telephone services and development of manpower for computer training are also among other such efforts.

Location of disaster warning centres

1387. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fast changes in Geo-climatic conditions throughout the globe, more so in Coastal parts of our country, is there any proposal to Locate more "disaster Warning Centres" in the country;

(b) if so, where and when they are going to be located;

(c) whether there is any possibility to get external assistance technically; and materially; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

No proposal is necessitated on account of any changes in Geo-climatic conditions for setting up "Disaster Warning Centres."

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.